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1. ON AUGUST 23 I DISCUSSED WITH BOTH PROSECUTOR BIRGITTA HAHN AND PEROFF DEFENSE COUNSELOR FREDERIK GEDDA QUESTIONS RAISED BY DEPARTMENT IN REF (A).

2. ACCORDING TO MS. HAHN, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY WITH ANY PRECISION HOW LONG PRE-TRIAL CONFINEMENT WOULD LAST. MINIMUM PERIOD, SHE STATED, WOULD BE ONE MONTH, BUT MORE REALISTIC FIGURE WOULD BE TWO-THREE MONTHS AND POSSIBLY LONGER. DEGREE TO WHICH PEROFF COOPERATES WITH PROSECUTION WILL HAVE IMPORTANT BEARING ON PRE-TRIAL DURATION, SHE SAID, ADDING THAT IN EVENT PEROFF WERE TO PLEAD GUILTY, PRE-TRIAL PERIOD WOULD BE EXTREMELY BRIEF. PEROFF'S LAWYER, SHE SAID, HAS RIGHT TO PETITION JUDGE EVERY TWO WEEKS DURING THIS PERIOD, REQUESTING THAT HIS CLIENT BE RELEASED FROM CUSTODY, BUT SHE ADDED IT UNLIKELY JUDGE WOULD ACCEDE TO REQUEST.

3. WITH REGARD TO AVAILABILITY OF KEY WITNESSES, MS. HAHN INFORMED ME THAT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MATTSON, ALL OF THE
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PROSECUTION WITNESSES ARE IN THE GOTEborg AREA. MATTSON, WHO IS IN MAJORCA, HAD EARLIER PROMISED MS. HAHN THAT HE WOULD RETURN TO TESTIFY IN CASE, AND SHE ANTICIPATES THAT HE WILL ADHERE TO THIS PROMISE.

4. MS. HAHN SAID THAT THERE WOULD BE NO RPT NO PROBLEM WITH GETTING CASE ON COURT CALENDAR ONCE PRE-TRIAL PREPARATIONS

ARE COMPLETED. SHE ESTIMATED THAT TRIAL WOULD LAST MAXIMUM OF ONE WEEK.

5. DEFENSE COUNSELOR GEDDA DECLINED TO PREDICT HOW LONG PRE-TRIAL CONFINEMENT WOULD LAST, POINTING OUT THAT THERE WERE SO MANY VARIABLES HE COULD NOT SAY WITH ANY CERTITUDE WHAT TIME PERIOD WOULD BE. HOWEVER, HE ADDED THAT "SEVERAL MONTHS" SEEMED TO HIM A REASONABLE GUESS.

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